

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A first communication device comprising:
2 means for receiving an instant messaging (IM) message; and
3 means for conveying the IM message to a second communication device.

- 1 2. A first communication device comprising:
2 receive logic configured to receive an instant messaging (IM) message; and
3 convey logic configured to convey the IM message to a second communication
4 device.

- 1 3. The device of claim 2, wherein the convey logic is further configured to
2 automatically convey the IM message to the second communication device.

- 1 4. A communication method comprising the steps of:
2 receiving an instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the
3 IM message being intended for a recipient; and
4 conveying the IM message to a second communication device.

- 1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
2 determining presence of the intended recipient at the second communication
3 device prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

1 6. A communication method comprising the steps of:
2 receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient
3 having IM addresses;
4 determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and
5 conveying the received IM message to the IM addresses at which the recipient is
6 present.

1 7. A communication method comprising the steps of:
2 receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient
3 having IM addresses;
4 determining a last active time for each of the IM addresses; and
5 conveying the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last
6 active time.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:
2 determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to
3 determining the last active time; and
4 wherein the step of determining the last active time comprises the step of
5 determining the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is
6 present.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of conveying the received IM
2 message comprises the step of:
3 conveying the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is
4 present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last
5 active time.

1 10. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:
2 determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and
3 wherein the step of conveying the received IM message comprises the step of
4 conveying the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.

1 11. A computer-readable medium comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an
3 instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the IM message being
4 intended for a recipient; and
5 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the
6 IM message to a second communication device.

1 12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine
3 presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device prior to conveying
4 the IM message to the second communication device.

1 13. A computer-readable medium comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an
3 instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM
4 addresses;
5 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a
6 last active time for each of the IM addresses; and
7 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the
8 received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time.

1 14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a
3 presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active
4 time; and
5 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine
6 the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

1 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the
3 IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent
4 IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

1 16. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a
3 presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and
4 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the
5 received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.